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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to tell us the fundamental rules and other conditions which have to be fulfilled to become eligible for subsistence loans? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The need of the applicant, the security offered and the probability of repayment are taken into consideration."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Is it a fact that the funds allotted for the Kurnool district have already been disbursed and that the Collector has asked the Government for an additional allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs in view of the large number of applications pending there? What action have the Government taken on the Collector's request? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As far as Kurnool district is concerned, the question of more allotment is under consideration. If I remember aright, some amounts have already been ordered to be disbursed."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As the peasants have lost most of the cattle, will the Government help them by giving loans for the purchase of cattle? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question relates to the subsistence of ryots and not the subsistence of cattle."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My question has not been answered. It is being by-passed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Damages for forcible procurement of paddy.

* 93 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a judgment, dated 28th April 1952, passed by the Principal Subordinate Judge, Tiruchirappalli, in favour of a leading advocate there, awarding damages against the State, for procuring his paddy forcibly and illegally; and

(*b*) whether any action was taken against the officials responsible for illegal procurement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Government are examining the question whether an appeal might be preferred against the judgment. The question of taking any action against the procuring officials does not arise at present."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, why do the Government think that the question of taking any action against the procurement officials does not arise at present? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The reason is stated in the answer to clause (*b*)."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" What was the form of force and the quantum of force applied to that leading advocate? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No force was used."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, since the judgment was delivered on 28th April 1952 (the appeal time is fairly over), when exactly or approximately will the Government make up their mind at all? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As a lawyer, the hon. Member should know that it would take some time to get copies of judgment. As a matter of fact, we have not yet received copies of judgment. The hon. Member might also remember that vacation intervened."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" With the decontrol of foodgrains, the availability of rice in any district provides a reliable index of the efficiency of the several procurement officers. On this basis, will the Government assess the inefficiency of the procurement officers and punish those found grossly inefficient by way of dismissal, demotion, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a totally different question. The main question relates to an incident in Tiruchirappalli district."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" In view of the decontrol of foodgrains, do the Government propose to withdraw all procurement cases, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid it does not arise out of this question."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the paddy procured illegally has been given back? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It has been stated by the Subordinate Judge that the paddy was procured illegally. But we intend preferring an appeal against the judgment, if there are grounds for appeal. Therefore, the question does not arise now."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" May I know, Sir, whether all the procurement cases will be withdrawn in all the districts, as decontrol has come into operation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question does not strictly arise out of the main question. A separate question may be put."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" May I know, Sir, what is the quantum of damages awarded to the lawyer? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" About Rs. 600 odd."

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SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Government, Sir, if they will consider whether this is a fit case for appeal and whether the judgment is fair? Before taking the matter on appeal, will the Government consider awarding suitable punishment to the officers? "

Short supply of water through the Kommanur Canal.

* 94 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that adequate supply of water is not being made available through the Kommanur canal in Guntur district to the lands in Santaravur section;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that thousands of acres of wet land in Narsayapalem, Kankatapalem, Kunkalamurru, Karemchedu, Swarna, Santaravur, Timmachinnaganjam are dried up due to the said short supply of water; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received representations that the original flow of water should be maintained in the Kommanur canal to facilitate irrigation of the said area and if so, the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Government have no information but have called for a report."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to consider the question of increasing the water-supply in view of the fact that there are many complaints from both sides of the Krishna delta area that the water supplied is not adequate? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."

Sale of salt by weight.

* 95 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the consumers are allowed to purchase salt by measure and not by weight when the Government are collecting duty by weight; and

(*b*) whether orders have been issued to sell salt by weight and if so, why they are not enforced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The question of introducing the system of retail sale of salt by weight gradually in this State is under consideration. No orders have yet issued direct ing the sale of salt by weight to consumers. In the absence of such orders, the practice of selling salt by measure in retail is still in vogue."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Have not the Government of India issued instructions to the local Government to permit the sale of salt by weight? "